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SUBJECT: LTP – Additional Guidance on Technical Assistance Funds 910 & 911 with Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMPs)

Purpose: To provide additional guidance and clarification on using Technical Assistance Funds Planning (910) and Design (911) with CNMPs in EQIP Contracts for Fiscal Year 2006.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2006.

Indiana Bulletin 300-6-7 was issued January 23, 2006. This bulletin provides additional information and guidance regarding the planning (910) and design (911) technical assistance (TA) activities for CNMPs.

A CNMP is a planning document that identifies the resource concerns on livestock operations and structural and management alternatives to address those resource concerns. Therefore, TA practice code **910 (Planning)** is the only practice code eligible for the development of a CNMP.

All CNMPs require the design specifications of management practices such as Nutrient Management and/or Waste Utilization. Therefore, TA practice codes **911 (Design)**, **912 (Installation)**, and **913 (checkout)** are not to be used with Nutrient Management (590) and/or Waste Utilization when a CNMP is being developed. The CNMP plan will cover the necessary specifications of both the 590 and 633, and the \$1,000 CNMP incentive payment is expected to cover any additional assistance needed to implement the CNMP. The producer is still eligible to receive the 590 and 633 incentives, as applicable.

CNMPs do not require the design specifications for structural practices. The **911 (Design)**, **912 (Installation)**, and **913 (checkout)** of structural practices such as Waste Storage Facilities (313), Animal Mortality Facilities (316), Manure Transfer (634), etc. identified as needed in the CNMP are separate from the CNMP itself. If EQIP participants have approved structural practices in their EQIP contracts, the TSP TA funds for design, installation, and checkout are available for these services, and should be scheduled separately from the CNMP planning (910).

Additional Guidance on CNMP TSP NTE Rates:

1. The maximum Cost/Unit = **Planning + Travel** (but not Practice Follow-up).
2. For Beef Operations = use the TSP NTE rates for **Dairy**.
3. Only use the "Planning for a CNMP – pick your animal type" from the TSP NTE webpage and do not use the Waste Storage Facility (313), Waste Treatment Lagoon (359) or any other practice code NTE rate for the development of a CNMP.

For additional information on using TSPs or NTE rates, contact Tony Bailey at 317-290-3200, ext. 345. For questions about EQIP Program policy, contact Jim Dunaway at 317-290-3200, ext. 334 or Shannon Zezula at 317-290-3200, ext. 388.

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